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PSC REQUIRES HEARING ON PROPOSED RATE CHANGE

JEFFERSON CITY---The Missouri Public Service Commission has suspended a proposed tariff revision filed by AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T) which seeks to end the prorating of monthly recurring charges associated with local lines and features when a customer disconnects service prior to the end of their billing cycle.

The proposed revision would apply to business customers of AT&T who have month-to-month billing with the telecommunications provider. Current basic monthly business telephone service ranges from approximately \$35 to \$60 depending on the customer's plan. If the service is canceled, the charge is currently based on the number of days service was active in the billing cycle. The proposed change would allow AT&T to collect the full monthly charge, regardless of when the service is canceled. The telephone company states customers with long-term contracts with AT&T will not be affected.

The Commission has suspended the request in order to determine whether the proposed tariff revisions are lawful and reasonable. The Commission has also directed parties in this case to meet in a prehearing conference on June 22. At that time, parties are expected to develop a proposed procedural schedule which details the filing of testimony and hearing dates.

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